

NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD
Policy Development Committee

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Recommendation to add a glossary of acronyms to the New Member Support Guide.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a glossary of acronyms be added to the New Member Support Guide as appendix 3. This glossary will assist, particularly, the incoming member.

Future recommended changes to the list should be sent to the PDC and the list will be updated as other content changes are made. These changes will not require Board approval.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

ACA – Accredited Certifiers Association
AFBA- American Farm Bureau Federation
AFT- American Farmland Trust
AMS – Agricultural Marketing Service (home of NOP)
ANPR – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
ANSI- American National Standards Institute (private, non profit)
AOS – American Organic Standards (OTA industry guidelines)
APHIS – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)
ARCD – Audit Review and Compliance Division, AMS, (USDA)
ARS – Agricultural Research Service (USDA)
ATO – All Things Organic, OTA’s trade show
ATTRA – Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (within NCAT)
CAS- Chemical Abstract Service
CBI- Confidential business information
CEQ- Council on Environmental Quality
CODEX- Internationally recognized standards for foods.
CRP- Conservation Reserve Program
CSREES – Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA)
EPA- Environmental Protection Agency
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ERS – Economic Research Service (USDA)
FACA- Federal Advisory Committee Act
FAO- Food and Agriculture Organization (UN)
FAS – Foreign Agriculture Service (USDA)
FCIC – Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
FDA – Food and Drug Administration

FIFRA- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FMNP – Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
FNS – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)
FSIS – Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA)
GAO – General Accounting Office (investigative arm of Congress)
GIPSA – Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (USDA)

GMO (GEO) – Genetically Modified (Engineered) Organism
 GRAS – generally regarded as safe, used by FDA
 HACCP – Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
 IFOAM – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
 IUCLID- International Uniform Chemical Information Database
 IOAS – International Organic Accreditation Service
 IQF-Individual quick frozen
 ISO – International Organization for Standardization
 ISO 17011 – Standards for Certification Agencies (used to be ISO Guide 65)
 ISO Guide 61 – Guide for Accreditation Agencies
 ISO Guide 65 – Guide for Certification Agencies (see ISO 17011)
 NASDA – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
 NASOP – National Association of State Organic Programs (now within NASDA)
 NASS – National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)
 NCAT – National Center for Appropriate Technology (private non-profit)
 NCGA – National Cooperative Grocers Association
 NCSA – National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture
 NFFC – National Family Farm Coalition
 NFU – National Farmers Union
 NGO- Non Governmental Organization, also know as Civil Society Organization
 NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology
 NOC – National Organic Coalition (RAFI, Ctr. for Food Safety, NOFA, NCGA, others)
 NPDES- National pollution discharge elimination system (Clean Water Act provision)
 NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA)
 OCA – Organic Consumers Association
 OFARM – Organic Farmers Association for Relationship Marketing
 OFPA – Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (Title XXI of FACTA, the 1990 Farm Bill)
 OMRI – Organic Materials Review Institute
 OTA – Organic Trade Association
 PR – Proposed Rule
 RAFI – Rural Advancement Foundation International (now the ETC Group)
 SAC – Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
 SAN, SANET – Sustainable Agriculture Network (USDA)
 SARE – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (grant program of USDA)
 SAWG – Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SARE-funded; national and regional)
 TAP – Technical Advisory Panel
 TMD – Transportation and Marketing Division of USDA (contains NOP)
 USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
 WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
 WHO – World Health Organization
 WRP – Wetland Reserve Program
 WTO – World Trade Organization

Committee vote:

Moved: Barry Flamm

Second: Steve DeMuri

Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0